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1. In addition to attempting to find customers [REDACTED] in Spain, it was also necessary to be able to discuss with the Spaniards transportation of [REDACTED] over their transport facilities. [REDACTED] studied both rail and truck transport and learned that gooseneck trailers are available to haul up to 40 metric tons in individual pieces, and rotary kiln sections up to about 25' in length by about 10' in diameter. A good portion of heavy lift transport is carried out by road haulage instead of rail haulage because of the limitations of tunnels, grades, curves, etc.
2. Haulage companies charge a somewhat exorbitant price for their services, and for this reason some of the big general contractors in Spain have bought their own haulage vehicles. Road haulage, while more feasible than rail haulage, in many instances necessitates long deviations and round-about routing since the weight limitations of bridges, which is frequently below 25 tons, precludes road haulage by the shortest routes.

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